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We recently welcomed six students from the class of 2024 to return to Mulroy College to address our current 6th year Leaving Certificate Class. The invited guests had the opportunity to tell their story and share their success criteria with our students.

It was a delight to welcome our past students back and hear how they are striving in their studies and embracing university life.

They each presented to the class and then had lunch where they met their past teachers. Each made reference to how they missed the care and support they received in Mulroy College and acknowledged their teachers for that. We thank them for taking the time out to come back to Mulroy College and look forward to their next visit.



I'm Malachy O' Kane, I'm studying Undominated Engineering at the University of Galway. Undominated or general courses are a great opportunity to get a feel for topics you've never experienced before without being locked into that course for the full 4 years. Once you're doing a course you enjoy, studying is much easier than it was in secondary school.



Malachy completed his Leaving Certificate in June 2024 and achieved excellent grades. He was a recipient for the "No mind left Behind" scholarship and we are extremely proud of his achievements and wish him continued success at University.



My name is Barry Crawford and I study psychology in Ulster University, Coleraine. I find the course to be really interesting and there is a great atmosphere on campus. Despite the fact I have not done psychology up until now, I find myself applying tactics I picked up during my leaving cert such as making sure I keep track of my learning and course content.



Barry made references to applying for his courses via UCAS and the work that goes with that. Barry applied for the Optum Scholarship while in 6th year and was successful. He spoke about the benefits of this scholarship and mentioned that it takes away some of the financial burden that goes with being a student which in turn allows more time for study. Barry lives in student



accommodation and is enjoying University life. Once again we are extremely grateful that Barry took the time out to return to Mulroy College and we wish him well in his future studies.

Hi, I'm Neamhain Duggan, a past pupil of Mulroy College. I am currently attending ATU Letterkenny studying Design (common entry). This course allows you to have a "trial run" of the graphic design, animation, film, and fashion courses. After the first semester you choose which course you will be studying full-time. To be completely honest I didn't even decide I'd be going to college until mid way through 5th year. Now I have my first semester finished and I'm thriving more than ever.



Neamhain discussed how she benefited from using Studyclix in preparation for her exams, she also discussed the benefits of studying locally in ATU and how she is happy with her decision. Neamhain has a bright future ahead and we wish her well.



My name is Michelle Devlin and I am currently studying Primary teaching with Music in St Mary's University College in Belfast. What had drawn me toward studying at St Mary's was how students are able to study teaching alongside a specialism of your choice, in my case, music. Obviously, there is a big jump from secondary school to studying at college, you suddenly have a lot more independence in terms of your study, and also, managing living on your own, as I am in Belfast. Everything falls into place with time so don't be nervous if you choose to study away from home. My best wishes to the Leaving Certificate class of 2025 with the exams!



Michelle spoke about all of the opportunities at university and the clubs and facilities on campus and encouraged students to participate in all aspects of University life. Many thanks to Michelle for returning to Mulroy College and we wish her well in her journey to become a primary school teacher.





I'm Aoibheann Shields and I was the deputy head girl in the year 2023/2024. I'm in Maynooth University and I am doing an Arts Degree. I wasn't sure whether I wanted to do Primary or Secondary teaching but I am hoping to get a Bachelor of Arts degree and continue into further studies and do my Professional Masters of Education. This course is great and gives me many options for further education.



Aoibheann spoke about the opportunities that Arts Degrees can lead to and how she availed of tasting subjects for the first month. She talked about the typical college day and allowed our students to develop an understanding of what university life is life Thanks Aoibheann and best wishes for the future.



I'm Tiernan McFadden and I was the deputy head boy for Mulroy College in the year 2023/24. I have gone on to study law in Maynooth University in the hopes to become a future solicitor or barrister, but that's going to take a while. With my law degree I got the option to study extra subjects and so I chose music as I really enjoyed it in the Leaving Cert. But I'll be dropping it next year to focus more on my studies of law.



Tiernan spoke to the students about his typical day at college and how he misses the support from teachers in Mulroy College. He has met many new friends and is enjoying University life. We wish him the best of luck in his studies and his future legal career.



Past pupils: Barry Crawford (Ulster University), Tiernan McFadden (Maynooth University) , Malachy O’Kane (University of Galway), Aoibheann Shields (Maynooth University), Michelle Devlin (St. Mary’s University, Belfast) and Neamhain Duggan (ATU Letterkenny) pictured with Principal Fiona Temple and Catherine Crawford Guidance Counsellor.





A selection of 6th year students in Mulroy College



A group of 6th year students recently had the opportunity to visit Randox in Dungloe in December 2024. They received a site tour and heard from staff members on the various roles and opportunities that exist within Randox.





6th year students had a great day visiting Ulster University, Magee Campus in Derry. Where they had the opportunity to research the courses available to them.



6th year students visiting the ATU open day.





Senior students from Mulroy College had the opportunity to attend an information session on careers in Physiotherapy hosted by the Physio Department in Letterkenny University Hospital.